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BOARD OF DIRECTORS ~ MISSION STATEMENT ~

The Sandy Pines Board of Directors will provide positive leadership and management direction so as to ensure the long term viability and success of Sandy Pines Wilderness Trails, Inc.



PARK PRESIDENT NEWS

BY JEFF SWEITZER Jeff@SandyPines.com

Blessings to all of you this Christmas and holiday season! No matter what holiday you are celebrating this time of year, we have much to be thankful for in our lives. We are Blessed with the wonderful gift of God, his love for us by sending his only son to be born at Christmas. We are also blessed with the wonderful gift of our beloved Sandy Pines and Lake Monterey Golf Course. On behalf of the staff, the Board of Directors and from my family to yours, we wish you a safe and Blessed Merry Christmas.

For those of you who have a family member, friend or someone close to you serving our country during our holiday season, we extend our prayers to them that they also will be blessed this Christmas. We pray for their safe return to their loved ones as they graciously protect us! Please say Thank You on behalf of Sandy Pines for their service to this country we all love.

Community Outreach

We are blessed with an amazing staff who go above and beyond. Once again, this year our staff has given to those who are more in need of things we take for granted every day. With kind hearts, our team sponsored four families over the Thanksgiving Day holiday through Project Hope to place food on tables that may have otherwise gone without. It's not too late for you to find a giving tree or other organization to help those in need this Christmas season. It's a true joy and blessing to help others who are in need.

Board of Directors Meeting Next Month

Our off-season board of directors meeting will take place on January 16, 2026. A review of off-season projects, end-of-year financials, and upcoming events will be discussed. It will take place at our North Shore Building. If you can't make it or you are someplace warmer, you may access the meeting through our Livestream at https://youtube.com/live/loOXIXQ-D_0

Capital Investment Fund

Members will continue to hear a lot regarding this topic. Our park infrastructure is over 50 years old. With the current 10-year Capital Reserve fund ending at the end of the 2027

season, our future counts on the next level of investment in our park.

We want to hear from you! Surveys are in progress and are being finalized for members to comment on what is important to them and what we should prioritize for our investments. They will be released in early January 2026. Please make time to respond. Thank you in advance for making this a priority.

2026 Renewals

Yes, you read this correctly! 2026 Renewals time is just around the corner. The team will be preparing for our 2026 Renewals to be released in January. Please make sure you visit your member portal to ensure all your information is updated and correct. Be on the lookout for the RAVE communication the second week of January. More information and details will be communicated in the January 2026 Footprints.

Please take the time to read the other important articles in this month's edition of the Footprints. Thank you for allowing us to serve our membership!

God Bless!

Remember, "It's not what is under the tree that matters! It's who's gathered around it!"

Luke 2:7-9: "And she gave birth to her firstborn son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them."

Luke 2:12-14: "And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

BOARD OF DIRECTORS UPDATE

BY CRAIG VAN BEEK BoardOfDirectors@SandyPines.com

Happy Holidays to all!

I would like to begin by expressing my sincere appreciation to the Board of Directors for the confidence they have placed in me by selecting me as the next Chairperson. It is an honor to serve in this role, and I am committed to working faithfully on behalf of this park that we all value so deeply.

As we enter the month of December, we are reminded of Michigan's unpredictable winter weather—ranging from mild days that invite a Christmas golf cart ride to more traditional, snow-filled holidays. Whatever this season brings, we look forward with anticipation to the year ahead.

In 2026, the Board of Directors will be faced with several significant decisions that will help shape the future of our park. Our current 10-year assessment will conclude after our 2027 season, and it is essential that we begin evaluating our long-term needs and priorities. Many of our core facilities are now more than 50 years old and are in need of major renovation or full replacement. With construction and material costs continuing to rise, it is important that we address these infrastructure needs proactively and responsibly.

Our lake remains another important area of focus. The Board is currently reviewing all available options to

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address the challenges we are encountering—maintaining consistent water levels, preventing shoreline erosion, and responding to the recent appearance of mussels. These concerns require thoughtful and timely solutions, and we are committed to addressing them with the seriousness they deserve.

Additionally, the Board has received requests to extend the operations of certain amenities or services and the hours during which they are available. These requests are being reviewed by the Park President and staff in charge of the park operations. Our goal is to ensure that we are all stewarding our resources wisely while continuing to provide high-quality services to our community.

Please be assured: we hear you. We are committed to listening carefully, representing you well, and making decisions that ensure the long-term financial health and stability of our park.

Some may wonder how we will accomplish all that lies ahead. This is the way: by working together and recognizing that preserving and improving our shared "happy place" requires thoughtful investment. Through unity, transparency, and responsible planning, we can continue to ensure that this park remains a place we are proud to call home during the summer months.

The Board of Directors would like to express our sincere gratitude to all of our employees for their dedicated service over the past year. Your hard work, professionalism, and commitment make it possible for us to enjoy the park we all cherish. We recognize and appreciate the countless ways—seen and unseen—that you contribute to the success and smooth operation of our community.

The Board wishes each of you and your families a very Happy Holiday season and our warmest best wishes for the coming year.

Isaiah 9:6

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.



MEMBER SERVICE NEWS

BY NICHOLE MILBOCKER

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Important Dates

DECEMBER 22 - JANUARY 1 Admin Office is Closed
DECEMBER 24 Christmas Eve
DECEMBER 25 Christmas Day
DECEMBER 25 Member Balances Due
DECEMBER 31 New Year's Eve
JANUARY 1 New Year's Day

CC Winter Hours

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Water Park
 *All Others CLOSED for

North Shore Center Season

Account Balances

If you're utilizing the 6-month payment plan, account balances must be at or below **December's maximum balance amount of \$ 1,282.20**. To avoid the 3% service fee, please use a credit card in person. All checks may be mailed or dropped off at Member Service in person or in the drop box. Any after-hour payments may be made at the Public Safety Office. Account balances are due on the 25th of each month.

Members, thank you so much for your patience as we transition and navigate our new billing system, North Star. We continue to tweak the new system, making this process clear and user-friendly for all.

Bullpen Storage Rental

Please reach out, we have space available for your storage needs. All spaces are outside, uncovered, and exposed to elements. Call Member Service 616-896-8315 ext. 100 for availability and pricing.

Mailroom Deliveries

All remaining packages have/will be sent back to sender. The mailroom will reopen April 15th for the season.

Thank you to all our wonderful members and staff for a great 2025 season! We wouldn't have such a beautiful park without each one of us doing our part. Wishing you all continued blessings as we close another year.

FINANCE & ACCOUNTING NEWS

BY KIMBERLY WILLIAMS

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As we approach the Christmas season, I would like to extend my warmest wishes and blessings to our entire Sandy Pines community.

New System (Northstar) Updates

The Finance Team—along with the rest of the Sandy Pines management team—has been working diligently on implementing our new integrated Point-of-Sale and Accounting System. This Northstar/Nexus software package is designed to streamline the processing of transactions and financial data across the park, enhancing efficiency and accuracy.

As noted in my previous Footprints article, you may have briefly noticed a change in the way Annual Dues and Assessments appeared within Northstar. For a short period, these charges were displayed as a separate Accounts Receivable (A/R) balance from regular member charges. While the initial intent was to provide more precise separation between regular member activity and annual billing, we discovered several system nuances that affected how effectively this change could be implemented.

After careful evaluation of both reporting methods, we determined that it is best to return to a single, consolidated balance on each membership statement and account, which was reflected on your October 31, 2025, statement with October charges.

We continue to make substantial progress in our transition to Northstar. We are grateful for the tremendous support we've received from the Northstar support team. Adapting to a new system is never easy, and I also want to thank our staff for their hard work and dedication personally, and the members for their patience and understanding throughout this process.

We will continue to share updates during the off-season as we refine and enhance the system to serve both our members and our staff best.

FY2025 Season Financial Review

Over the past several months, the Finance Team has also been preparing and finalizing the fiscal year-end financial statements for Sandy Pines Wilderness Trails (SPWT) and Lake Monterey Golf Course (LMGC) as of September 2025. These statements are now under review by our external accounting firm, with a full review scheduled for presentation to the combined Finance Committee and the Board of Directors.

Unconsolidated financial statements for the fiscal year ending September 2025—along with financial statements for October through November 2025 for both SPWT and LMGC—are scheduled for review and approval during the January 17th Board of Directors meeting. Once approved, these financial statements will be available to members through the Administration Office and on the Sandy Pines website under the Finance section.

Annual Dues and Assessments

Members who have elected to pay their Annual Dues and Assessments through monthly installments may follow the schedule below for the 2025–2026 cycle:

Monthly Payment: \$440.28

Due Date: 25th of each month (October 2025 – March 2026)

To remain current, your account balance should reflect the following amounts at month-end:

• October 25: \$2,105.72

November 25: \$1,697.03December 25: \$1,282.20

January 25: \$861.15

February 25: \$433.79

March 25: \$0.00 — All dues and assessments paid in full

Please remember that this installment plan covers only annual dues and assessments. Additional charges—such as services, electricity, or state unit tax—are billed separately and due by the 25th of the month following the billing date. Members should add these amounts to their monthly Payment as needed.

Payment Options

Payments may be made:

- · Online through our website
- · By mail
- Through the Administration Office drop box
- In person at the Administration Office during regular business hours
- At the Rangers' Office after hours

Please note that a 3% convenience fee applies to credit card payments made online or over the phone.

If you have any questions or need assistance during the off-season, please don't hesitate to reach out. We are here to help, and we truly appreciate your ongoing support and involvement in the Sandy Pines community.

We send our warm wishes for a blessed and joyful holiday season!

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COMMUNICATIONS NEWS

BY IAN MITCHELL | Ian@SandyPines.com

The holiday season is upon us, and while things may be quieter around the park, we're staying busy behind the scenes, preparing for an exciting 2026! From advertising deals to new digital tools and photo submissions, there's still plenty happening as we close out the year.

Advertise in Footprints – 2026 Promotion Ends December 15!

The 2026 season is just around the corner—are you looking to promote your business at Sandy Pines? Now's the perfect time to lock in your advertising for the upcoming year.

For a limited time, when you advertise in Footprints for the full 2026 calendar year, you'll receive 1 month free—that's 12 months for the price of 11, no matter the size of the ad!

Whether you're a returning advertiser or a first-time partner, we're here to help. We can even assist in creating or finalizing your ad if you need the support.

Don't miss out—this special offer expires December 15!

To claim your spot or ask questions, email: Communications@SandyPines.com

2026 Wall Calendar - Final Photo Call!

There's still time to submit your photos for the 2026 Sandy Pines Wall Calendar! If your image doesn't make it into this year's edition, we'll keep it on file for future opportunities—so don't hesitate to share.

We've loved seeing the moments you've captured: scenic sunsets, quiet mornings on the lake, fun-filled family events, and more.

To submit:

- Email your photo(s) to <u>Communications@</u> SandyPines.com
- Subject line: "2026 Calendar Photo"
- Include: Your name, site number, and the month your photo represents best.

If selected, you'll receive a free calendar as a thank-you!

2026 Digital Event Calendar – Now Easier to Use!

The 2026 Sandy Pines event calendar is coming together beautifully—and we've just rolled out three major improvements to help you get the most out of it:

1. New Event-Only Search Bar

Tired of searching the whole website to find an event? We've added a dedicated search bar above the calendar that filters only events—making it faster and easier to find exactly what you're looking for.

2. Custom Filter Options

You can now filter events by:

- Event Type
- · Venue Location
- · Time of Day
- · Day of the Week
- · And more!

We've also introduced categorized **event types** to help narrow down your interests. Here's a quick breakdown:

- Community Information Park-wide updates and announcements
- Chapel Faith-based gatherings, services, and concerts
- Meetings Board meetings, Town Halls, etc.
- Community Events Member-hosted social events
- Recreation Events Park-hosted programs and activities
- Lessons & Fitness Skill-building, classes, and fitness sessions
- Facility Hours Seasonal hours for park amenities
- Food & Beverage Food trucks, dining specials, and café updates
- Lake Monterey Golf Course Tournaments and special golf events

3. Quick Event Snapshots

Each event listing now includes a **brief summary of the most requested info**:

Date, Time, Location, Registration Requirements, Age Range, and Price—right under the event title. These quick shots should answer most common questions at a glance.

Have questions about something happening next season? Visit <u>sandypines.com/calendar</u> and you may just discover something new!

We Are Here To Help!

If you ever need help with anything communications-related—from advertising to event promotion, signage to newsletter updates—just reach out. We're here to keep you informed, involved, and ready for a great season ahead.

Happy Holidays, and thank you for staying connected!

SAFETY NEWS

BY STEVE DEYARMOND Steve@SandyPines.com

Safety Reminder - Snow Load Awareness

As winter approaches, the potential for lake effect snow at Sandy Pines increases. If you live east of US 131, you may experience far less snow than we do at the park. Lake effect snow typically falls west of US 131, which includes Sandy Pines.

The concern is accumulated snow/ice and the load it places on your structure or golf cart canopy.

The density of snow and ice per square foot determines the pressure exerted on your roof, golf cart canopy, or your canvas storage shed.

It is not uncommon for large or accumulated snow loads to damage property or collapse porch roofs. While rare, even park model trailers have experienced structural issues from snow load in the past.

In West Michigan, snow loads can range from 30–60 lbs. per square foot (psf).

Looking at official snow load maps, Sandy Pines is about 4 miles from Lake Michigan's 50 psf zone, however, Salem and Monterey Townships (where we are located) are rated at 35 psf

Factors That Affect Snow Load

Roof slope, shape, and material all play a role in how much weight your roof can safely support.

According to ASCE 7 (American Society of Civil Engineers), roofs can be classified as:

- Sheltered snuggled away, protected from wind, in which the snow just sits on the roof
- Windswept exposed to wind that blows snow off the roof
- Semi-sheltered somewhere in between

You know your own site best, whether snow tends to accumulate or blow off your roof each season.

Snow & Ice Weight Estimates

- · Light snow: 5-20 lbs. per square foot
- · Packed snow: 20-40 lbs. per square foot
- Packed snow + ice: 40-58 lbs. per square foot
- · Ice: 58 lbs. per square foot

How to Calculate Snow/Ice Load

To calculate your roof snow/ice load, multiply the density of the snow by the depth of the ice/snow.

Density x Depth = psf Load

An example would be light snow (20 lbs.) on a roof that is 2 feet deep

20 lbs. \times 2 ft = A potential weight of 40 lbs. psf of load on your roof

Safety Suggestions

It is recommended that **snow and ice be removed from porch roofs** when the estimated snow/ice load reaches **20–25 lbs. psf.**

You are the best judge of your roof's construction, age, location, and bility to withstand snow accumulation.

Stay vigilant. Keep an eye on the weather and snowfall totals throughout the winter.

You can also monitor conditions using our Sandy Pines live weather cameras at the North Shore Center or the Sandy Pines Boat Launch, both always live on our YouTube channel.

Need Help?

Check the Contractors List for local professionals who offer snow monitoring and removal services. Many of them will even check your roof for you and clear it when necessary to protect your property.



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PARK INSPECTOR NEWS

BY JIM BUCHANAN Inspector@SandyPines.com

Contractors & Lot Maintenance – December Reminders

Wishing all of our members and contractors a safe, restful, and blessed holiday season! As we transition into the winter months, here are a few important reminders for off-season cleanup and compliance:

1. Lakeshore & Green Space Storage

The green space around the lake is not to be used for storage, with the only exception being your boat dock, which must meet the following requirements:

- Stored at least 10 feet away from the galvanized marker posts.
- Clearly labeled with your lot information attached.

All **steps, furniture**, **and other items** must be removed from the beach area.

Any unapproved items left behind will be **removed by park staff** during the off-season.

2. Leaf Removal Guidelines

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properly disposing of your leaves:

 Leaves must be bagged and placed by the roadside for park crew pickup

OR

 Blown into neat piles at the edge of your lot for your contractor to pick up and remove

Please ensure this is done within **3–4 days**. Leaf piles left for extended periods create safety hazards and can result in fines.

Important:

- Do not blow leaves into the lake, greenspace, another member's lot, or leave loose piles along the road.
- Violations may result in clean-up charges or enforcement action.

Thank You

Thank you to all our members and contractors for your continued care in keeping Sandy Pines clean, safe, and well-maintained year-round. Your attention to these seasonal guidelines helps us preserve the beauty of the park for everyone.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful winter season.

SECURITY NEWS

BY PAUL SCHAAF

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Office Hours

Emergency Security Staff is onsite 24 hours/day.

September 2025 Call Stats

In October 2025, Public Safety responded to 69 calls for service. The breakdown of the calls are:

Alarm 2	
Alcohol1	Medical 6
Assist27	Open Door 20
Damage 1	Property Check1
Harassment 1	Suspicious Situation 4
Illegal Dumping1	Trespass1
Illegal Entry1	

Site Checks

Our Security staff will be conducting site security checks during the off season. Staff checks the site for open or unsecured doors, damaged property, and lights being left on. You will receive an email if we find any irregularities.

Holidays

We just recently celebrated Thanksgiving and are closing in on Christmas and New Years. I am blessed and thankful to be part of this Sandy Pines team. I am thankful for all of the staff that I work with and the membership of this park. We had another great season in 2025. I'm looking forward to a great 2026 season. Have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

RECREATION NEWS

BY ABBY GREENFIELD Abby@SandyPines.com

Winter and Spring Events

While 2025 is coming to an end, we are already counting down the days until summer begins. We do have a few events that will happen before summer is officially here. February 7th is our Winterfest. Weather dependent, we will have snowman building, snow painting, and other outdoor activities. As well as a polar plunge, coffee and hot chocolate bar, and plenty of indoor activities to stay warm. We will be having a spring event at the beginning of May – more details to come.

2026 Recreation Hiring

We are looking to hire lifeguards for the 2026 summer season. Applicants must be at least 16 years old and be able to pass a pre-course swimming test that includes swimming 300 yards, treading water for two minutes, and performing rescue saves and first aid. Lifeguard certifications are good for two years. After committing the season to Sandy Pines, we will reimburse for the lifeguard certification.

The Recreation Department will have very limited spots for non-lifeguard certified employees. These positions are available to applicants at least 15 years old. Applications are currently available on the website; however, interviews do not start until the spring.

Memorial Service

Every year for Memorial Weekend, we hold a Memorial Service to honor and recognize those who gave the ultimate sacrifice serving and protecting our country. We would love your help in commemorating this day. We are looking for a guest speaker, as well as vocalists for the National Anthem.

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· Last Poker Run

Big Weekends of 2026

The communications team is working hard to get all of the 2026 events onto the online calendar. You can already see some of it populating. We have decided to go with themed weeks/weekend next season. The events of each week revolve around a common theme. We are so excited to let our creativity fly with these. Below are the big weekends, their themes, and some of the events happening. A lot more events and details will be found on the online calendar.

Memorial Weekend (May 22nd-25th)

· Tournaments & Memorial Service

Pirate Weekend (May 29th-31st)

Shipwrecked Party & Treasure Hunt

Superhero Weekend (June 5th-7th)

Cape Making & Movie on the Grass

Decades Weekend (June 12th-14th)

· Amazing Race & Tie Dye

Father's Day Weekend (June 19th-21st)

· Car Show & Poker Run

Garage Sale Weekend - Phases 3, 5, & 6 (June 26th-28th)

Tie Dye & Drive-In Movie

4th of July Weekend (July 3rd-5th)

· Parade & Fireworks on Saturday

Halloween Weekend (July 10th-12th)

· Trunk or Treat & Inflatable Costume Races

Garage Sale Weekend - Phases 1, 2, 4, & Condos (July 17th-19th)

· Tie Dye & Drive-In Movie

Family Weekend (July 24th-29th)

Family Fun Day

Splash of Color Weekend/Christmas Eve (July 31st-Aug 2nd)

Color Run & Poker Run

Christmas Weekend (August 7th-9th)

Lighted Parades & Christmas Cookie Exchange

Showcase Weekend (August 14th-16th)

· Sandy Pines Art Gallery & Talent Show

Phase Olympics Weekend (August 21st-23rd)

· Game and Tournaments

Last Splash Weekend (August 28th-30th)

· Water Wars & Water Games

Labor Day Weekend (September 4th-7th)

· Fireworks on Saturday

Special Event (September 12th)



Thanksgiving invites us to pause, reflect, and share what we have. This year, our team quietly came together to support four local families with a meaningful holiday meal.

With the funds collected, our HR Team shopped for turkeys, fresh produce, pantry staples, and desserts – creating full Thanksgiving baskets prepared with care.

It's amazing what happens when people look out for one another, and we're grateful to work among those who bring that spirit to life.



Thank you to every team member who contributed – your kindness made a meaningful difference this season.









CAMPING NEWS

BY JANELE TOMES Janele@SandyPines.com

As the holidays approach, our campground settles into its peaceful winter rest with frosty mornings, gentle snow, a quiet peacefulness, and the kind of stillness that only this season can bring. Even though you are not here at your happy place, we hope the beauty of the park stays with you wherever you celebrate. May your holidays be filled with warmth, joy, and the simple moments that make this time of year special.

Looking Ahead to Another Great Season!

2026 camping reservations are OPEN!

Please spread the word to your family and friends—we love to share our happy place! Rates

 Campsites: \$80–\$90 per night • Cabins: \$125-\$140 per night • Trailers: \$190-\$275 per night

Camping Options at Sandy Pines

Sandy Pines offers a variety of accommodations, ensuring that every guest can find the perfect fit for their camping experience. You can easily reserve a campsite, rustic cabin, or park model trailer online through our website. With flexible dates and a range of options, booking your stay is quick and simple.

Campsites

Sandy Pines offers spacious campsites designed for traditional camping. Whether you're bringing your own tent or RV, these sites provide the perfect base for outdoor adventures and lifelong memories.

Rustic Cabins

If you're looking for a more comfortable camping experience, our rustic cabins provide the ideal blend of outdoor charm and indoor convenience. These cozy cabins include comfortable sleeping arrangements, lighting, air conditioning, and a minifridge. Perfect for campers who want the experience of the outdoors without sacrificing comfort.

Park Model Trailers

For those seeking an even more comfortable stay, Sandy Pines park model trailers offer a fantastic option. These fully equipped trailers include modern amenities such as air conditioning, and full kitchen, and a living area, ensuring that your stay is both comfortable and convenient. Park model trailers are perfect for families who want to enjoy all the benefits of camping with the added comfort of home.

Discounts Available

We proudly offer a 10% discount for:

- Associate Members
- Military guests (both active duty and veterans)

Thank you for your service! To apply these discounts, please contact the Camping Department directly.

incere Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to:

Lois Alderink, on the passing of her husband, Donald, on November 15, 2025.

How to Book

Reservations can be made: Online: www.SandyPines.com

By phone: Call 616-896-8315 ext. 103 I'd be happy to assist you—see you soon!



SALES NEWS

BY KENT LIVINGSTON

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Navigating the Off-Season: A Note from Our Sales Team As the temperatures drop and the days get shorter, we enter

the quieter season here at our campground. The bustling summer days have come to an end, and with that, sales naturally slow down. It's the perfect time to take a moment, reflect on the year, and plan ahead for the upcoming season.

If you've ever considered owning a part of our beautiful Park or know someone who has, now is a great time to reach out. The slower pace allows us to give each potential buyer the attention they deserve, ensuring that they find the perfect spot that feels just like home. Whether it's a friend, family member, or someone you think would love our community, we're here to help make it happen.

As the holiday season approaches, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a joyful New Year. May the warmth of the season be with you, and may you enjoy special moments with loved ones.

For those interested in learning more about becoming part of our Park, don't hesitate to get in touch with me, Kent, at 616-896-8315 extension 114. I'd love to share more about what makes our campground a unique and welcoming place, even during the quiet winter months.



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